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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005 (the "Office Action"), in which a three (3) month shortened period for reply is May 1, 2005, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Please change the title of the application.

Please enter new paragraph into the specification (between paragraphs 31 and 32) and amend paragraph 71 of the original specification.

Please enter new substitute drawing sheet showing amended Figure 9a and original Figure 9b.

Please cancel claims 24-28, 35, 36, 46 and 49; amend claims 48 and 50; and add new claims 52 - 67 as follows.

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title of this application to:

--SUTURE PASSING DEVICES--.